

WISHY-WASHY
STATEMENT

Made by King George to Parliament To-day

IT WAS ALSO VERY BRIEF

King and Queen Made Trip from Buckingham Palace to Westminster Together and were Loudly Acclaimed.

London, Feb. 6.—King George and Queen Mary, for the first time in their reign, proceeded in state this afternoon from Buckingham palace to Westminster, where the king read a speech, formally opening parliament, from the throne in the house of lords. Queen Mary was seated at the side of the king.

During the ceremony thousands of persons thronged the line of march, and as their majesties passed a royal salute was fired. Officers of state and officials of parliament received their majesties at the royal entrance beneath the Victoria tower. The house was packed with notables, including peers, bishops, ambassadors and their wives. In the absence of the American ambassador, Whitelaw Reid, the United States was represented by William Phillips, secretary of the embassy.

The king's speech from the throne was brief and colorless. It opened with filial reference to the death of King Edward, and the only reference to foreign affairs was the mention of the fact that negotiation had been opened with Japan for a new commercial treaty and an allusion to the friction in Persia over the disturbance of the British trade routes.

In making his declaration of faith, King George used for the first time the amended form which was adopted at the last session of parliament. That form omits the traditional reference to the Catholic church which was offensive to the adherents of that faith.

CHICAGO TRAFFIC
BADLY BLOCKED

By the Fall of Snow and Sleet—Two-thirds of Elevated Trains Not Able to Operate To-day—Steam Roads Also Troubled.

Chicago, Feb. 6.—The storm of snow and sleet, which accompanied last night's storm, continued to-day to hamper traffic. Two-thirds of the elevated trains are not able to operate and there is hardly less interference with the steam roads. In the city, the surface cars are not tied up, but the trolley roads in the suburbs are out of commission.

THREE KILLED IN STORM.

Trolley Cars Ran Down Two Men, Third Went Under Train.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 6.—The heaviest snowstorm of the winter struck this city to-day, hampering all railway traffic severely. During this forenoon three deaths were reported, due to the storm. Two of the men were run down by trolley cars and the third met death under a train.

36 BELOW ZERO

That Is What the Thermometer at St. Johnsbury Registered.

St. Johnsbury, Feb. 6.—The coldest weather of the season was experienced to-day, the thermometer at Fairbanks village registering 36 degrees below zero.

"FATHER, I AM SAFE,"
WAS MESSAGE

Which Francis R. Arnold Received To-day—Postcard Signed "Dorothy," and the Handwriting Resembles the Girl's.

New York, Feb. 6.—A postal card signed "Dorothy" and bearing the message, "Father, I am safe," has been received by Francis R. Arnold, the father of Dorothy Arnold, the missing heiress. Mr. Arnold declared to-day. The handwriting resembles closely that of his daughter, but Mr. Arnold is not sure that it is hers. The card bore a New York City postmark, but gave no clue to Dorothy's whereabouts.

TWO SKATERS DROWNED.

Companions Unable to Rescue Young Men at Paterson, N. J.

Paterson, N. J., Feb. 6.—Two young men were drowned by breaking through the ice in Allica pond here yesterday afternoon in the presence of a number of spectators, who were unable to rescue them because no planks or rope was near at hand. The bodies were recovered shortly after the drowning.

The victims were Herbert Cleveland, 19 years old, of Fairlawn, and John Chesquerier, 23 years old, of 25 East Twelfth street, this city. In company with Charles Vanhook of Fairlawn, the Cleveland and Chesquerier boys had been skating on the pond for several hours. Vanhook was precipitated into the water, but managed to scramble on firm ice.

APPEAL TO THE COUNTRY.

For Adoption of Resolution for Popular Election of U. S. Senators.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 6.—An appeal to the country to assist in compelling the adoption of a resolution for the election of senators by the direct vote of the people was issued to-day by the executive committee of the National Progressive Republican league. The appeal declares that to insure a necessary two-thirds vote in the Senate, every available vote must be secured and asks its friends throughout the country to urge the senators to support it.

MEXICAN REBELS
HAVE RETIRED

To Replenish Supplies and to Await Reinforcements—Mexican Officials Believe the City Can Stand Off an Attack.

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 6.—Outgeneraled in their efforts to prevent the entrance into Juarez of Colonel Rabago and three hundred federalists from the south, the Mexican revolutionists, under Pascual Orozco, were reported this morning as having retired to Salama Yuca, there to replenish their supplies and await reinforcements. Alamo, with an insubstantial force of six hundred men, is now located twenty-five miles east of Juarez. In a sharp skirmish he had last night with a hundred federalists, the latter retired, in front of the overwhelming odds.

It is said that Orozco will join forces with Alamo. In the meantime, General Navarro, in command of seven hundred men, is marching toward the beleaguered city. Mexican officials say it is impossible now for the revolutionists to take Juarez.

FIGHTING UNDER ALANIS

Occurs at a Point 125 Miles East of Juarez.

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 6.—Fighting was reported last night between 100 federalists and 600 insurgents under Alanis, 125 miles of Juarez, opposite San Elizario, Tex.

The federalists attempted to impress eight men at Cinquero, capable of bearing arms, into service, but the men fled to the American side and are being cared for by United States troops.

Three hundred refugees from that section have crossed the river and are at Valleta, Tex.

VICTORY FOR OROZCO?

Such Is the Tenor of a Dispatch Received at Austin, Tex.

Austin, Tex., Feb. 6.—Adjutant General Henry Hutchings has received the following telegram from Maj. N. L. Lapowski at El Paso:—

"Orozco defeated federal forces ten miles south of Juarez this morning, capturing all arms, including field guns. Attack on Juarez was delayed on account of this fight. Expect it to be Monday or Tuesday."

MAN MURDERED
AT WARREN, N. H.

Christie Kenney the Victim, and J. Walter Shields Is Held on the Charge of Being His Slayer.

Warren, N. H., Feb. 6.—While Frank L. Whitaker, proprietor of the hotel Mooselake, stood yesterday outside the door, demanding admission to the room occupied by J. Walter Shields of West Philadelphia, five shots were fired within, and when the door was forced, Christie Kenney of Lancaster was found huddled on the floor, dead. Three of the shots had entered Kenney's body, and two went through the partition and barely missed Whitaker. Shields is held on a charge of murder.

Whitaker was awakened after midnight by voices in Shields' room. The noise grew louder, and Whitaker decided to investigate. He found Shields' door locked and demanded admission, but Shields refused to open. The other occupant of the room, who later turned out to be Kenney, apparently mistook the proprietor for a physician friend and urged Shields to let "Doc" come in, but Shields was obstinate.

As the sounds of the unpleasant continued, Whitaker decided to stay in the hall for a time. He heard Shields declare that he had lost a gold watch and chain, to which his companion replied that he did not know anything about it. Then followed more words and finally a shouting and a running. Whitaker made his way to a piazza room, from which he could see into the room. He saw Kenney lying prostrate on the floor and Shields, with a revolver in his hands, pacing up and down the room.

Deputy Sheriff Henry L. Cotton of Warren arrived soon after the shooting. With the aid of the whitaker and Frank Kenney, the door was forced and Shields was arrested. Shields declined to make any statement pending the arrival of his attorney, "Al" Shields of Philadelphia, to whom word was immediately sent.

Shields is well known in this part of the country, for he has spent his summers here ever since he was a boy. He came to Warren this winter to recuperate from typhoid fever. He had been here on this visit six months and has spent the time hunting and fishing. He is about 50 years of age and unmarried.

At one time he was in the clothing business in Philadelphia, and is reputed to have invented a patent coat pocket which brought him considerable revenue. He formerly had interests in clothing establishments in New York. His father, now dead, erected the base of the Statue of Liberty in New York harbor. Shields spent his money freely not only for his own enjoyment, but with charitable intent. Recently he sent to New York for footware, which he distributed among the poor children for miles around.

Kenney was 40 years of age and single. He came from Lancaster and was employed here as a lumber surveyor. He and Shields had been friends for a long time and frequently spent the night together.

An autopsy was performed by Medical Referee J. M. Cheney of Ashland, assisted by Dr. E. L. Bell of Plymouth and Dr. George A. Weaver of Boston. They found that one of the three bullets had entered the mouth, another had pierced both lungs a short distance above the heart and the third had passed through the left knee.

Revenge.

Go ring the merry welkins—
Yes, go ring 'em twice!
The plumber's getting even with
The man who sold him ice!

—Baltimore Sun.

Defined.
Tommy—Pop, what is cannul?
Tommy's Pop—Ennui, my son, is a disease that attacks people who are so busy that they get tired of resting.
—Philadelphia Record.

18 PERSONS
DRIVEN OUT

Fire Swept House in St. Johnsbury Last Night

ALL OCCUPANTS ESCAPED

There Were Three Families Crowded in a Two-tenement House on Hastings Hill—The House Was Entirely Consumed.

St. Johnsbury, Feb. 6.—Eighteen persons occupying a two-tenement house on Hastings hill in this town were made homeless by a fire which destroyed the entire building late last night. All of the eighteen got out safely, but R. Fideburg, one of the tenants, was somewhat burned while trying to save some of his household goods. The loss is probably \$2,500, on which there is a fair insurance.

The fire was discovered at 11:30 o'clock, it having caught apparently from a stove in the lower tenement of the house. The prompt cry of "Fire" roused the large number of people in the building, so that they were able to get out in plenty of time. The three families who lived there were those of Adam Simont, R. Fideburg and John Greenwood. Most of their household goods were destroyed, although Fideburg managed to save some of his possessions. The St. Johnsbury fire department turned out, but could not save the house, it being burned to the ground. The building was not of great value, being estimated at \$800. Marcel Cody was the owner of it, and he carried a good insurance.

OVERHEATED CHIMNEY

Caused \$5,000 Fire at Pittsfield, N. H., Yesterday.

Pittsfield, N. H., Feb. 6.—Inside of thirty minutes, at noon yesterday, the two and one-half story dwelling house, ell, barn and outbuildings owned by Mrs. O. J. Lougee, at Pittsfield, situated about three-quarters of a mile from the center of this village, were razed to the ground at a loss of over \$5,000.

The cause of the fire was an overheated chimney. Owing to the length of time that elapsed between the time the fire started and the time it was discovered, and between that time and the time of arrival of the firemen, the set of outbuildings was a raging furnace when efforts were directed against it. Owing to the distance of the fire from the nearest hydrant, it was impossible to lay a line and the efforts were in the main confined to one clump of buildings. In doing this, the fire fighters adopted the novel expedient of taking the water as fast as the intense heat melted the snow and pouring it on the other fire.

The buildings were occupied by H. H. Hicks, who lost practically all of his household goods, which there was no insurance. The loss of the buildings is covered by insurance. Several small fires started about the building of George Rines, situated about a hundred yards away, but these were put out without much trouble.

A horse and laundry delivery wagon, belonging to H. H. Hicks, Jr., together with about fifty hens and two hogs were burned.

HERO PERISHES IN FLAMES.

Second Life Probably Lost in New York Apartment House Fire.

New York, Feb. 6.—At least one fatality, the injury of several persons, and a sensational rescue by civilian volunteers as well as by the firemen, marked a fire which swept up the dumb water shaft of a five-story apartment building at 105 West Sixty-eighth street last night.

The one known victim was himself a hero. He was Alonzo Schimmel, 25 years old, who lost his life in going back after once out of danger, to look out for Florence O'Connor, the girl, who was 10 years old, is believed also to have perished. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles O'Connor, were both seriously injured, and the latter probably will die. Six other O'Connor children and occupants of several other flats were painfully burned or injured.

Three young men passing the building just after the fire started saw Herman Grunich with a baby in his arms and the mother of his family crowding a smoke-filled window on the fourth floor. They broke into an adjoining apartment building, rushed to the fourth floor and broke in a door of an apartment where the occupants denied them admission. They threw open a front window and made a human chain along a narrow ledge to the window where the Grunich family was frantically calling for help. The baby was rescued, but Mrs. Grunich and her mother were too frightened to trust themselves. Flames were curling about the window when they were taken down by means of fire ladders. The O'Connor family, including six children, got out by the rear fire escapes. With his wife's dress ablaze, O'Connor made his way down the iron ladders with her in his arms. She was so burned that she can hardly live.

LOSS WAS \$75,000

In New England Trunk Company's Factory at Everett.

Boston, Feb. 6.—The New England Trunk company's factory, Betty street, Everett, was destroyed by fire early yesterday with a loss estimated at \$75,000.

The flames were fanned by a high wind, and it was feared that the flying embers might cause the blaze to spread to the nearby property. To prevent this a general alarm was sounded, calling out all the Everett apparatus and help was sent from Chelsea and Malden.

How the fire started is not known, but when it was discovered it had already gained such headway that the firemen were unable to prevent it from eating its way through the entire building.

Apparatus was massed in an effort to check any possible spread to other prop-

erty, and the nearby buildings were watched closely for incipient blazes. The factory employs 200 hands all of whom will be thrown out of work.

GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS BURNED.

Part of Archives and Furniture Saved, Other Buildings in Danger.

Constantinople, Feb. 6.—Fire to-day destroyed the buildings occupied by the council of state, minister of the interior and the prime minister. Part of the archives and some of the furniture were saved, but the rest was destroyed. The headquarters of the grand vizier and the foreign office adjoining escaped destruction.

RUTLAND'S FIRE LOSS

Was Larger in 1910 Than in the Preceding Year.

Rutland, Feb. 6.—The loss by fire in this city during 1910 was \$39,936.29, according to the annual report of Fire Marshal J. C. Dunn. The burned property included \$9,703.59 in real estate and the rest was personal property to the value of \$30,232.70. The insurance involved on the property consumed was \$97,374, and \$30,936.29 was actually paid. The loss is about \$17,000 greater than the previous year.

WILLIAM E. WELLER DEAD.

Prominent Resident of Burlington for Over Half a Century.

Burlington, Feb. 6.—William Ellery Weller, for over half a century a resident of this city and prominent in club and Masonic circles, died suddenly at his home, 118 Spruce street, yesterday afternoon of heart disease.

Mr. Weller was born in Hinesburg April 12, 1838, the son of Greene D. and Mary H. Weller. He was educated in the country schools and later for three years attended the Allen school in West Newton, Mass. In 1858 the family moved to this city and, shortly afterwards, Mr. Weller married Miss Amanda Northrop of this place.

For several years he was engaged with his father in the grocery business, where the store of C. A. Barber is now located, and later was assistant to his father, who was for over 25 years city treasurer. Until recently he and his family lived in the old Weller place at the corner of Cherry street and South Winoski avenue.

The deceased was one of the charter members of the present Ethan Allen club and was one of the earliest living members of the Ethan Allen Engine company, number four, of the old volunteer firemen days.

He was a member of Burlington lodge, No. 100, and Burlington chapter, No. 3, of A. O. U. M., and was secretary of the chapter at the time of his death. He also held a number of other offices at different periods.

Besides a wife, he is survived by one daughter, Mrs. E. W. Parkhill of this city, and two grandchildren, Miss Mary A. Parkhill and Thomas Parkhill both of Burlington.

The funeral will be held from the late residence at two o'clock to-morrow afternoon and representatives of both the Ethan Allen club and the Masons will be present.

FIVE FEET OF SNOW.

Encountered by Snowshoe Trampers up Mount Mansfield.

Burlington, Feb. 6.—Six snowshoe enthusiasts from this city walked up Mount Mansfield from a point near Underhill Center Saturday. On arriving at the half-way house, they found that the snow had broken down the roof of the building and thrust out one side also.

A gale was blowing fiercely across the summit. The clouds were so thick that no view of the mountain could be had. The small scrub balsam on the summit were buried deep in the snow and the taller trees were very heavily laden with ice and snow. Many limbs had been broken off with the weight of the snow and ice, and in many places small trees had been broken off short by the wind. At four o'clock the party turned back.

On the return, members of the party often sat on the snowshoes and slid over the snow. One member of the party came to grief and furnished considerable amusement for the others. He took off his snowshoes, thinking he could get down across the crust of the summit, when he broke through and was buried clear to his shoulders beside a balsam tree.

NOTED PITCHER DEAD.

Arthur Clarkson Came of Famous Baseball Family.

Cambridge, Mass., Feb. 6.—Arthur Clarkson, one of the famous family of baseball players of a decade or more in Louisville, St. Louis and Baltimore, died here yesterday.

BANK LOWERS DISCOUNT RATE.

Imperial Bank of Germany Dropped from 5 to 4½ Per Cent.

Berlin, Feb. 6.—The rate of discount of the Imperial Bank of Germany was reduced from 5 to 4½ per cent. to-day.

TALK OF THE TOWN.

George Crafton passed Sunday in Burlington with Mrs. Crafton, who is confined in the Mary Fletcher hospital there.

The Hoyt company at the opera house to-might is said to be the best musical comedy company that ever played Barre at popular prices. This company played to packed houses at Burlington last week.

Word comes from H. O. Staples and A. A. Lamorey, who were taken ill in Boston while on a business trip, saying that both are improving in health and expect to return to this city within a few days. Mr. Staples has been suffering with eye trouble, while Mr. Lamorey has been seriously ill with rheumatic fever in Quincy, Mass.

Sunday and Monday arrivals at the City hotel were as follows: A. Cohen, Burlington; Mrs. Paul and daughter, New York City; Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Goodenow, Montpelier; C. H. Webster, F. T. Fleming, Edward Walsh, Flawine Merrill, L. Kenney, Grace Harrison, Mac Dickerson, Mr. and Mrs. George Maguire, E. Johnson, L. Rich, C. O. Wallace, Dorothy Tate, New York City; T. D. Simmons, Boston; E. L. Adams, Burlington; F. H. Mann, Woodville, N. H.; J. C. McIntosh, Manchester; N. H. H. H. Miller, Hartford, Conn.; G. H. Pierce, Boston.

FINE RECORD
AS SOLDIER

Major Lemuel A. Abbott Who Was Native of Barre

DIED AT ABERDEEN, WASH.

Body Will Be Brought to This City for Burial—He Came of a Family Long Associated with Barre Interests.

Major Lemuel A. Abbott, U. S. A., retired, who was perhaps Barre's most distinguished figure in the military history of the country, a veteran of the Civil war and a noted Indian fighter in the years directly thereafter, died Friday, February 3, at Aberdeen, Washington, where he was engaged in completing a book and in being close to a work which he had entered into enthusiastically, namely, the improving of the waterway at Aberdeen.

Major Abbott was accustomed to spend the summers in Barre, and his last visit was in the summer of 1909. That fall, after leaving this city, he went to Washington, D. C., and spent some time gathering data in the congressional library, going then to Jacksonville, Fla., for the winter. Last spring he went to Aberdeen, Wash., though still suffering from the effects of a stroke of paralysis, sustained during the winter. During the summer months, he was ill with Bright's disease and apoplexy, and only recently he went to the General hospital in Aberdeen. However, he was able to sit up part of the time, and he conducted his correspondence to the last.

Lemuel Abijah Abbott was born on the Abbott homestead, Barre, near the location of the Wells & Lamson quarries, on August 24, 1843, being the son of Richard Flagg and Mary Norris Abbott. The senior Abbott was born in Barre in 1799, and his father, Abijah, was one of Barre's earliest settlers, having come here from Holden, Mass., in 1798 and having opened up the land which is known as the Abbott homestead.

The father of the subject of this sketch died when the lad was 15 years of age. Lemuel A. Abbott commenced fitting for college by attending Barre academy, paying his way by teaching and at the same time assuming the pecuniary responsibility for the care of a favorite younger brother till the latter died in 1861. Shortly after that, the care of an invalid mother in a hospital was assumed by the young man and maintained until her death in 1867.

In 1861, the war of the rebellion having broken out, young Abbott went to Norwich university, then located at Norwich, to fit himself if his services should be needed. Then, at the age of 18, giving up college preparatory studies, he enlisted in the Union army, going into Company B, 10th Vermont Volunteer Infantry, commanded by Captain Edwin Dillingham of Waterbury. Young Abbott was made sergeant and was later promoted in due course to second lieutenant and then first lieutenant. In the brilliant assault by his regiment at Winchester, he was badly wounded, having part of his hip shot away, both jaws crushed and eleven teeth knocked out.

On account of these wounds, he was absent several months, and on his return to the army he was made captain. In the battle of Monocacy he was painfully wounded in the hip by a piece of shell, but declined to leave the field before his regiment on account of the hopelessly weak condition of the Union forces. Except in Cedar Creek and Fisher's hill, when he was out, wounded, Captain Abbott participated in every engagement fought by the army of the Potomac until the close of the war.

At the end of the war he was made adjutant of the 9th U. S. C. I., and on July 2, 1867, he was appointed second lieutenant, 6th U. S. Cavalry, being in due time promoted to first lieutenant and then captain. On July 3, 1885, he was retired from the army on account of old wounds and disability incident to long service. On April 19, 1894, he was breveted major in the United States army, for bravery in the Indian campaigns.

During his active service in the regular army, he was highly complimented in official communications for efficiency as quartermaster, by General L. C. Easton, chief quartermaster of the department of Missouri, and by General Nelson A. Miles, commanding the Indian territory expedition in 1874, he being quartermaster on General Miles' staff, General O. B. Wilcox, commanding the department of Arizona, commended him in his annual report in 1880 for efficiency in arresting certain turbulent Apache Indians, including a noted chief, Major A. W. Evans commended him in 1882 for courageous and effective service in a fight with the Apaches on July 17, of that year.

At various times Major Abbott served on the staffs of Generals P. H. Sheridan, Nelson A. Miles, James Oakes, James Biddle, Thomas H. Neill, N. B. Laughlin and others. Another important service was in being sent by the government as a committee of one to investigate and report upon a method of subduing the Indians. Major Abbott came back and advised educating the Indians, and, although the report was received with scorn in some quarters, it was adopted, and the Indian question was largely settled as a result.

Besides his interest in the deep waterway at Aberdeen, Major Abbott was instrumental in 1891 in having the outer bay to Gray's harbor, Washington, surveyed by the United States government, which the interests of commerce demanded. For his services for Aberdeen, the chamber of commerce of that place elected him an honorary member of life.

His Heart Still in Vermont.

Ret., although his greatest activities were elsewhere, Major Abbott's heart was still in the Vermont home, as indicated by a letter which he wrote last summer from Aberdeen, part of which follows:—

"I could write quite an essay on the contrast given between the Rocky mountains, one of the wonder regions of the world, and the Green Mountains of Vermont, but not to the latter's detriment

in some things. The Rocky mountains haven't any such beautiful green, sloping mountains, and green, grassy hills generally sloping in common center, like the beautiful valley in which the cities of Montpelier and Barre are situated, or to the placid waters of Lake Champlain, on which Burlington is ideally located, or the flowing peaceful waters of the tree-fringed Connecticut river on the east.

"The sun sets in summer from the perimeter of the great bowl, so to speak, with its beautiful green sloping, symmetrical sides, at the bottom of which bowl are nestled Barre and Montpelier, and on the eastern side of which bowl I was born and spent my life until nineteen, when, becoming incensed at the insults to the flag, I left the, to me, enchanting spot, to offer my soul, if necessary, in its protection. I've always remained loyal to the place, and all the old Barre, including the city wherein I studied for college, and these places, having a great lump of locality, mean so much more to me than they possibly can to the newcomer."

Just before spending his last summer in Barre, Major Abbott had published his "Civil War Diary," containing interesting daily jottings about the progress of the war and also news from the old Barre, which he received in camp. He was also engaged in preparing an Abbott biography, which, at his death, he had Major Abbott's great regret that he could not take a college course, but Norwich university some time since honored him with an honorary degree.

The remains will be brought here from the state of Washington for interment. Announcement of the death was received by officers of Granite lodge, F. & A. M., of which he was a member. Major Abbott was a member of several other organizations, among which are the New England Historical General society of Boston and the National Geographic society of Washington. Major Abbott was never married.

MAN AND YOUNG GIRL
UNDER ARREST

Captured by Sheriff Worthen of Caledonia County on Complaint Received from Wildwood, N. H.—Man Said to Be Married.

St. Johnsbury, Feb. 6.—Sheriff Worthen of this place lodged in Caledonia county jail last night Ernest Munroe, aged 30, and Alice Farrington, aged 16, who, it is alleged, eloped from Wildwood, N. H. The arrests were made on information from Wildwood to State's Attorney Simonds, who put the sheriff on the trail of the couple. Sheriff Worthen traced them to Lyndonville and arrested them as they were starting to walk northward. The couple spent Saturday night at the home of a man named Graves. It is alleged that Monroe is a married man. He and the girl will be given a hearing before Judge Porter in the new municipal court of Caledonia county.

MANY DEPREDACTIONS

In Vicinity of Middlebury Within a Short Period.

Middlebury, Feb. 6.—Within a short time a number of thefts have been committed in the town of Salisbury, some of them amounting to burglary and grand larceny. Somebody got into the barn of Clayton Ellis and stole a new single harness. Julius Kelsey was called on and his hen roost robbed of many valuable fowls, while the heaviest loss so far reported is the Lake Dunmore Creamery company, which lost 140 pounds of prime butter, all put up in five pound boxes and ready for shipment. Besides these there have been minor depredations and since the open season closed there have been found remains of 15 deer. The creamery company has strong suspicion that it knows the culprit.

GIVES \$20,000.

Carnegie Helps Out Middlebury College With Nice Donation.

Middlebury, Feb. 6.—A subscription of \$20,000 towards the \$200,000 building and endowment fund, which Middlebury college is endeavoring to secure before the end of this year, has been made by Andrew Carnegie, according to an announcement made yesterday by President John M. Thomas of the college. Subscriptions to date amount to \$159,000.

IN SERIOUS CONDITION.

Carl D. Stockwell, Assistant Chief of Burlington Fire Department.

Burlington, Feb. 6.—Carl D. Stockwell, fire warden and assistant chief of the fire department, who suffered injuries recently by falling on the steps of his home, was reported last night as being in a very serious condition. Mr. Stockwell broke two ribs in his fall. Later pneumonia developed and complications are feared.

GRIP PREVALENT IN MORRISVILLE.

Over 300 Severe Cases There Now, Many Seriously Ill.

Morrisville, Feb. 6.—Over 300 cases of grip are reported here. The disease seems to be unusually severe, many of the patients being seriously ill.

NORTH MONTEPELIER.

Edgar Hawes and George Reed spent Sunday at their homes in Cabot.

Mrs. Fay Little and son are visiting at her brother's, William Greeley.

Mrs. Fannie Little, who has been ill the past week, is very much better.

Master Arthur Reed of Cabot visited his brother, George Reed, Saturday.

Mrs. Fred Little and Mrs. Frances Byron visited in Montpelier Saturday.

Frank Labarron's family are quite ill with the measles. Miss Wells, a trained nurse from Barre, is caring for them.

There will be another play by the North Montpelier Dramatic club in the near future, entitled, "Highly of Harvard."

Mrs. Arthur Stevens, who was suddenly called to her home in Salem, N. Y., by the illness of her husband, was accompanied as far as Burlington by her father.

WOULD SERVE
IF HE'S WANTED

Mayor Mutch States His Position on Mayoralty

LY NAME THUS FAR UP

Present Executive Ready to Abide the Will of the Voters—Some Aldermanic Changes May Be Made.

Although caucuses to nominate candidates for the city election on March 7, must be held within the next two weeks, very little is heard as yet as to possible candidates. Two weeks, however, is time enough to develop a large crop of them and while there may be numerous candidates for the various city offices, it doesn't look as if there would be at the present time. The only name mentioned thus far in connection